



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Oregon  
Tradeswomen, Inc.,  
Portland, OR*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. (OTI), was selected to receive a job training grant. The grant will focus on communities within the greater Portland (population 538,345) and Multnomah County (population 671,121)



## Job Training Grant

**\$198,332**

EPA has selected Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., for a job training grant. OTI plans to train 140 students in 12 training cycles, place at least 91 in environmental jobs, and track graduates for two years. Participants will complete 140 hours of course work, including OSHA safety, hazardous waste worker, and confined space entry training. Participants also will complete OTI's Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council's approved pre-apprenticeship program. Through a partnership with the community group Organizing People Activating Leaders (OPAL), OTI will recruit low-income, minority, unemployed, or underemployed students, with a focus on women, from disadvantaged communities within the greater Portland and Multnomah County areas. OTI will work with the Northwestern Environmental Business Council to place graduates in environmental jobs.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

areas that have been negatively impacted by brownfields. Many of Portland's vital commercial

corridors are littered with potentially contaminated, abandoned, or underused properties that stifle the local economy and contribute to the county's higher than average unemployment and poverty rates of 6 percent and 18 percent, respectively. Portland-area brownfields are particularly burdensome because their presence in densely populated inner city neighborhoods leads to a culture of disinvestment and contributes to urban blight. Several high-profile brownfield redevelopment projects are currently underway in downtown Portland, including the redevelopment of the North Macadam district and River Place. These large redevelopment projects, along with numerous smaller-scale projects in outlying areas of the city, have greatly increased the demand for trained environmental workers.